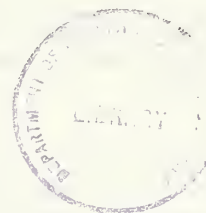




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Bedlingtonshire Urban District Council



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR
1971

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Bedlington,
Northumberland.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1971

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health concerning the health and sanitary conditions of the Urban District for 1971.

There has been a considerable fall in the population from 29,870 in 1970 to 28,230 in 1971. This will be an accurate figure derived from the Census of 1970, and it reflects the considerable drift of population away from Bedlingtonshire since 1965 when the population was 30,940. This must be the case because the births have exceeded the deaths in every year.

The number of live births fell from 380 in 1970 to 363 in 1971 - a fall of 17. This gave a crude birth rate of 12.9 per 1,000 estimated population (England and Wales 16.0).

The number of deaths fell from 365 in 1970 to 310 in 1971 giving a crude death rate of 10.9 per 1,000 estimated population (England and Wales 11.6). There were 6 infant deaths - one more than in 1970.

During the year there were notified, only 38 cases of infectious disease.

There is still a great need for ground floor accommodation of one and two bedrooms. The population is ageing and there is a greater awareness of the benefits to old people and the handicapped of flats and bungalows where there is no need to climb stairs. There is also a great need for proper insulation of windows and walls of these dwellings - partly to conserve heat for comfort and health but also on economic grounds as well. Proper insulation cuts down fuel costs.

I wish to thank the chairman and members of the Health Committee for their interest during the year and my colleagues in other departments for their co-operation. I must once again pay tribute to the work done by the health department staff.

I am,
Your Obedient Servant,

A. DONALDSON,
Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health	Alexander Donaldson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector	
Meat and Foods Inspector	
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STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	9,025
Registrar General's Estimate of the Resident Population Mid 1971	28,230
Rateable Value (at March 31st, 1972)	£1,216,011
Product of Penny Rate (estimated)	£11,360
Number of Inhabited Houses	9,941
Number of Council-Owned Houses	4,494

COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS (1971) WITH THOSE
OF 1970

Comparability Factor : Births 0.98 : Deaths 1.24

	1970	1971
Population	29,870	28,230
Live Births	380	363
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (uncorrected)	12.7	12.9
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (standardised)	12.4	12.6
Illegitimate Live Birth % of Total Live Births ...	6.3	7.0
Still Births	6	6
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births ...	15.5	16.5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	0.2	0.10
Total Live and Still Births	386	369
Early Neo-Natal Deaths (under 1 week)	1	3
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births)	2.6	8.3
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	18.1	24.3
Neo-Natal Deaths (under 4 weeks)	2	4
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Live Births)	5.2	11.0
Infant Deaths (under 12 months)	5	6
Infant Mortality Rate (Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births)	13.1	16.5
Maternal Deaths (including abortion)	-	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	-	-
Deaths	365	310
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	12.2	10.9
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	15.1	13.5
Deaths over 65 years	252	217
Child Deaths 1 - 4 years inclusive	2	-
Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	0.06	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Case Rate per 1,000 population	1.7	1.8

Crude Death Rate	:	England and Wales 16.0
Crude Birth Rate	:	England and Wales 11.6
Infant Mortality Rate	:	England and Wales 18.0

CAUSES OF DEATH 1971

Code No:	International Classification	M	F	T
004.1	Shigella Dysentery	1	-	1
074.2	Coxsackie Myocarditis	1	-	1
150	Malignant Neoplasm of Oesophagus	1	1	2
151	" " " Stomach	7	3	10
153	" " " Large Intestine	1	2	3
154	" " " Rectum	-	1	1
157	" " " Pancreas	2	-	2
162	" " " Bronchus and Lung	13	3	16
171	Fibro Sarcoma of Thigh	1	-	1
174	Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	-	4	4
180	" " " Cervix Uteri	-	3	3
183	" " " Ovary	-	1	1
185	" " " Prostate	2	-	2
189	" " " Kidney	1	-	1
189.2	" " " Ureter	1	-	1
193	" " " Thyroid	-	1	1
197.7	" " " Liver	1	-	1
199	" " " Site Unspecified	2	1	3
203	Multiple Myeloma	-	1	1
204.1	Chronic Lymphatic Leukaemia	1	-	1
238	Cerebral Tumour	1	1	2
250	Diabetes Mellitus	1	-	1
287.1	Thrombocytopenia	1	-	1
323	Encephalitis	1	-	1
342	Paralysis Agitans	1	3	4
348	Anyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis	-	1	1
394	Mitral Stenosis	-	1	1
410	Coronary Artery Disease	46	33	79
427	Congestive Heart Failure	2	3	5
427.1	Left Ventricular Failure	5	5	10
428	Myocardial Degeneration	10	17	27
430	Subarachnoid Haemorrhage	3	2	5
431	Cerebral Haemorrhage	5	7	12
433	Cerebral Thrombosis	9	9	18
436	Cerebro-Vascular Disease	1	2	3
440	Arterio Sclerosis	2	3	5
441	Aortic Aneurysm	-	1	1
441.2	Abdominal Aneurysm	1	-	1
450	Pulmonary Embolism	4	4	8
458	Hypotension	-	1	1
480	Viral Pneumonia	-	1	1
481	Pneumococcal Pneumonia	-	2	2
485	Broncho-Pneumonia	14	10	24
491	Chronic Bronchitis	17	3	20
515	Pneumoconiosis	1	-	1
537	Duodenal Ulceration with Gastrectomy	1	-	1

Code No:	International Classification	M	F	T
577	Acute Pancreatitis	-	1	1
590	Chronic Pyelonephritis	1	-	1
600	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
741	Spina Bifida	1	-	1
776	Anoxia of Newborn	2	-	2
794	Senility	1	2	3
E 814	Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Pedestrian	-	1	1
E 815	Motor Vehicle Accident	1	-	1
E 854	Accidental Barbiturate Poisoning	1	-	1
E 881	Fall from Scaffolding	1	-	1
E 887	Unspecified Fall	1	-	1
E 894	Accident caused by Inflammable Material	1	-	1
E 910	Accidental Drowning	2	-	2
E 953	Suicide by Hanging	1	-	1
E 984	Drowning	1	-	1
Totals		176	134	310
Deaths over 65 years		117	100	217

INFANT MORTALITY RATE 1962 - 1971

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
No. of Infant Deaths under 1 year	18	18	11	7	14	8	3	8	5	6
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births	32.9	32.8	18.9	13.0	29.6	15.7	6.8	21.4	13.1	16.5

There were 4 deaths of infants under one month and 3 under one week.

Deaths Under One Year 1971

No.	Age	Sex	Place of Death	Cause of Death
1	2 Days	M	Hospital	Asphyxia of Newborn
2	6 Days	M	Hospital	Meningo Myelocoele
3	11 Months	F	Home	Broncho Pneumonia with severe subnormality
4	11 Days	M	Hospital	Viral Myocarditis
5	8 Hours	M	Hospital	Cerebral Anoxia with prematurity
6	5 Weeks	M	Home	Broncho Pneumonia

CHILD DEATHS 1971

There were no child deaths in 1971.

Deaths each month during 1971.

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
27	41	27	25	26	18	25	29	17	29	29	17	310

TABLE SHOWING STILL BIRTHS, DEATHS UNDER 1 WEEK,
NEO-NATAL AND INFANT DEATHS 1970-1971

Year	No. of Still Births	No. of Deaths under 1 week	Perinatal Deaths (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week)	Deaths under 1 month	Deaths under 1 year
1971	6	3	9	4	6
1970	6	1	7	2	5
1969	8	7	15	1	8
1968	11	1	12	-	3
1967	5	4	9	6	8

BIRTHS 1971

	Live Births		Still Births		Deaths of Infants under 1yr.		Deaths of Infants under 4 wks.		Deaths of Infants under 1 wk.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total	191	172	3	3	5	1	4	-	3	-
Legitimate	173	166	3	3	3	1	3	-	2	-
Illegitimate	18	6	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-

STATISTICS FOR BEDLINGTONSHIRE U.D.C. FOR THE
TEN YEARS 1962 - 1971

Year	Population	Deaths	Death Rate	Live Births	Birth Rate	Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Neo-Natal Death Rate
1962	30,110	324	10.7	546	18.1	18	32.9	27.4
1963	30,640	339	11.0	548	17.9	18	32.8	18.2
1964	30,670	329	10.7	586	19.1	11	18.9	10.2
1965	30,930	330	10.6	535	17.3	7	13.0	7.4
1966	30,940	329	10.6	472	15.2	14	29.6	14.8
1967	30,810	307	9.9	507	16.4	8	15.7	11.8
1968	30,250	334	11.0	437	14.4	3	6.8	2.2
1969	30,040	336	11.1	374	12.1	8	21.4	18.7
1970	29,870	365	12.2	380	12.7	5	13.1	5.2
1971	28,230	310	10.9	363	12.9	6	16.5	11.0

DEATHS FROM CANCER SHOWING SITE OF DISEASE 1966 - 1971

Site	1971		1970		1969		1968		1967		1966		1965	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
All Sites	34	22	54	24	55	28	47	38	46	30	43	30	47	25
Lung and Bronchus	13	3	17	2	20	3	14	4	20	3	18	1	14	1
Stomach	7	3	9	-	7	1	6	4	8	9	9	6	9	9
Remainder of Digestive System	5	4	10	9	11	8	10	12	6	7	10	6	9	3
Female Organs	-	3	-	3	-	13	-	10	-	3	-	10	-	9
Others	9	4	13	5	17	3	17	8	12	3	6	7	15	3

TABLE SHOWING ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE UNDER AGE GROUPS - 1971

DISEASE	Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5 yrs.	6-10 yrs.	11-15 yrs	16-25 yrs	26-35 yrs	36-45 yrs	46-55 yrs	56-65 yrs	Over 65 yrs.	Not Known	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	5	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	13
Measles	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meningitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	1	3	-	1	7	5	15	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	38

Measles, Whooping Cough and Scarlet Fever
Notifications 1962 - 1971

Year	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Measles	18	623	94	406	161	314	69	60	163	5
Whooping Cough	2	5	3	-	2	-	2	-	3	1
Scarlet Fever	3	7	9	10	2	8	1	5	12	14

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES, 1971

There were 38 notifications of infectious disease notified during the year. This compared favourably with the 317 notified in 1970.

Scarlet Fever:

There were 14 cases of Scarlet Fever notified - two more than in 1970.

Infective Hepatitis:

There were 13 cases notified in comparison with the 134 in 1970.

Measles:

Only 5 cases of measles were notified. This is the lowest figure ever recorded and it gives hope that this disease might be eradicated if parents take advantage of the immunisation schemes which are available.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis:

Two cases were notified.

Food Poisoning:

Two isolated cases of food poisoning were notified. Both were late notifications and it seemed most likely that the infecting food-stuffs had been eaten outside the district. No members of either patients' family were affected. In both cases the infecting organism was *Salmonella Typhimurium*.

One case of Meningitis and one of Whooping Cough was notified.

There were no notifications of Smallpox, Diphtheria or Poliomyelitis.

CANCER DEATHS, 1971 - SITE AND AGE DISTRIBUTION

Site of Disease	MALE						FEMALE							
	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Total	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Total
Malignant Neoplasm of:														
Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Stomach	-	-	-	1	1	5	7	-	-	1	-	1	1	3
Large Intestine	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Rectum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pancreas	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bronchus and Lung	-	-	1	2	4	6	13	-	-	-	1	1	1	3
Sarcoma of Thigh	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	4
Cervix Uteri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Ovary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidney and Ureter	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thyroid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Liver	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unspecified	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Myelomata	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Lymphatic Leukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebral Tumour	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	-	1	1	3	9	20	34	-	-	3	4	6	9	22

TUBERCULOSIS 1971

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0- 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1- 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6-15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-25 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26-35 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36-45 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46-55 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56-65 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
over 65 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Totals	2		-		-		-	

NOTIFICATIONS:

Year	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Pulmonary	13	14	8	9	8	7	3	2	3	2
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-

DEATHS:

Year	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Pulmonary	1	1	2	1	1	-	1	2	2	-
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER ON 31st DECEMBER, 1971:

Year	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1970	44	8	52	6	8	14	50	16	66
1971	45	7	52	6	6	12	51	13	64

DISINFESTATION

The following shows the separate properties treated for rat and mouse infestation in addition to the regular attention given to sewers and refuse tips.

Private Houses	79
Council Houses	127
Other Council Properties	2
Farms	8
Allotment Gardens	2
Business Premises	68
Open Land	14

Work for the eradication of bed bugs was carried out at 2 Council Houses and 1 Private House and for cockroaches and other insects at 170 houses.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work on the Central Valley Sewerage Scheme, the last phase in the re-sewering of the district, is being carried out partly by contract and partly by direct labour. Satisfactory progress is being maintained.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences are in force authorising the keeping of pet shops; one at Front Street East, Bedlington and the other at Clayton Street, Bedlington. The premises are visited regularly and no infringements have been found.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Two boarding kennels, one at Bothalhaugh, Choppington and the other at "Springdawn" Sheepwash Bank, are licenced under this Act. Very high standards are maintained.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964/70

One licence is in force for the riding school at "Springdawn", Sheepwash Bank. The stables accommodate 13 ponies, two of which are young ponies not used at the school. The licence is granted on receipt of a veterinary surgeon's report on the suitability of the premises, means of isolation and the condition of the animals, saddlery, feeding etc.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

At the end of the year a total of 13 scrap metal dealers were registered with the local authority. There were 2 new registrations and a further 3 dealers re-registered.

Four dealers have scrap yards or stores within the district, one is itinerant collecting door to door.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

There are 28 Agricultural holdings in the district and all conform to the Welfare standards required by the Act.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the district have a mains supply from the County Borough of Tynemouth Water Undertaking. Throughout the year the water has been adequate and of good quality. Six houses still with a standpipe in the back yard will be dealt with on the Slum Clearance Programme.

The Hunford Mill open-air swimming pool was open for three months from the end of June to September. Due to labour troubles admission was free and no records of attendance could be made. However, the pool continued to be very popular, both with school children and adults. The river water used is sand-filtered and chlorinated. 16 Samples were taken for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory with excellent results.

Two samples were taken from the drinking water storage tank at the Alcan Site, North Blyth, also with NIL result.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956/68

Action was taken in seven cases for nuisances arising from factory chimneys, brickworks, spoil heaps and Power Station fly-ash disposal.

CARAVAN SITES ACT, 1960/68

One private site at Stakeford Bridge is still licensed for 6 caravans.

NEW HOUSES COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR 1971

By Local Authority	-
By Private Persons	19

Slum Clearance Programme

Substantial progress has again been made during the year inasmuch as Closing and Demolition Orders have been made on a further 128 houses including First Street and Second Street, Netherton and Bridge Street, Cambois.

Unfortunately only 39 families from 37 houses were rehoused in Council houses, the least for a number of years and almost half last year's figure as shown in the following table. It is to be expected that more Council houses will be forthcoming with the completion of the two schemes of houses now being built at Netherton Lane and Cruddas Terrace.

14 Families found their own accommodation making a total of 53 families displaced from 51 houses.

348 Houses still remain on the programme, 218 of which have Closing or Demolition Orders.

Demolition Orders made	104
Closing Orders made	24
Previous Orders determined	-
Houses vacated	51
Families rehoused	53
Persons rehoused	136
Houses demolished	66

FAMILIES REHOUSED FROM SLUM CLEARANCE HOUSES

	<u>To Council Houses</u>	<u>Finding their own Accommodation</u>
1956	100	4
1957	138	-
1958	271	3
1959	117	4
1960	84	3
1961	57	11
1962	57	4
1963	56	11
1964	101	16
1965	85	8
1966	51	8
1967	76	10
1968	46	13
1969	60	9
1970	71	11
1971	39	14

HOUSES ON THE SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME FROM
WHICH FAMILIES HAVE BEEN REHOUSED (up to 31/12/71)

BEDLINGTON:

Hartford Bridge Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ewart Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Glebe Road	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Deanery Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Telephone Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Cross Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Shiney Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Catholic Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Rose Villa, Catholic Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rose Villa Gardens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Colville's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dowson's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Hartford Road West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Old Hall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Sun Inn Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Vulcan Place	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Bower's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Stoker's Buildings, Vulcan Place	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Vicarage Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Vicarage Gardens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Murray's Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Baptist Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Wilson's Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Quarry Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Laird's Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Foggan's Yard, West End	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Rosella Place	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Joyce's Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Front Street West	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Front Street East	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Hirst Head Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hirst Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Millbank Gardens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Old Colliery Row, East End	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Bell's Place	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Hollymount Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hollymount Hall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Chapel Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bedlington Bank	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Foggan's Yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
The Quay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Stoker's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Smith's Buildings	4
Marshall's Buildings	6
Woodbine Cottage	1
School House	1
Coach Road	1

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BEDLINGTON STATION:

Ravensworth Street	2	
Ravensworth Terrace	37	
Stakeford Road	1	
North Row.... ..	40	
South Row... ..	40	
Shop Row	29	
Wilkinson's Buildings	6	
Red Row	50	
Old Red Row	5	
Taylor's Buildings, Red Row	20	
Glassey Terrace	2	
Bridge House	2	
Bridge End	11	
Dene House	8	
Moorland Cottages	10	
Liddle's Yard	13	
Dene View... ..	2	
River View	4	
School House	1	
Puddlers' Row	20	
Cragg's Buildings	10	
Staithes Quay	3	
Ivy Cottage	1	
Institute House	<u>1</u>	318

BARRINGTON:

Chapel Cottages	2	
Chapel Row	21	
Stone Row	12	
Garden House	2	
Parson's Cottage	1	
School House	2	
Railway Row	18	
Office Row	17	
Middle Row	14	
Routledge's Buildings	22	
Freehold Row	24	
Double Row	25	
Stable Cottages	2	
Victoria Row	24	
Alexandra Row	<u>34</u>	220

NETHERTON:

Clifton Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	
Yard Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	
Howard Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	
Village	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
North Farm Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Farm Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Moor Cottage, Hartford	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Office Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Red House Farm	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Red House Farm Caravan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Blue House Caravan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Burnt House Farm Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
First Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Second Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>2</u>	204

CAMBOIS:

Caravan, Wansbeck Ferry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Railway Bungalows	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
New Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Link End	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Farm Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Stable Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Sinker's Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	
Chapel Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	
Store Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	
Institute Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Sea View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Quality Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	
Boca Chica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	
Bonhouse Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Watergate...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>	153

CHOPPINGTON:

Sunnyside	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	
Grand View	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Rose Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Storey's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Leanan's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Station Bank	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Station House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Blackburn's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Strong's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	
Institute Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	

First Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Second Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Third Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Fourth Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Fifth Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Sixth Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Seventh Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Eighth Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
South Front Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
North Front Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Foster's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Front Street, Scotland Gate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Colliery Square	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chapel Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
School Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
School House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Richardson's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Stoker's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Heslop's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rutter's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Church Avenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rose Villa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pringle's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Peter Gill's Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Whinney Hill Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Whinney Hill Cottage Farm	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Whinney Hill, No. 7	1
Pace Bush...	3
Double Row, High Pit	10
Single Row, High Pit	<u>13</u>

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GUIDE POST:

Cruddas Terrace	6
Sheepwash Bank	17
Front Street	10
Anvil Cottages	2
Freehold Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
High Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Ford Terrace, Nos. 12, 12½, 13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Tulip's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Byron Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rutherford Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Gordon Street	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sawmill Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Shaw's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Howbray Terrace, Nos. 20, 20a, 21, 21a	4
Woodbine Cottages	2
Sheepwash Cottage	<u>1</u>

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STAKEFORD:

Trojan Street	33	
East View	11	
Middle Row	14	
North View	16	
West View	13	
Ivy Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Moor Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Farm Cottages, Bonarsund				...	...	...	...	...	4	
Ord Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Ellesmere Gardens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>	107

WEST SLEEKBURN:

Old School House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Liddle's Terrace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	
Marshe's Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
North Row...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	
South Row...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	82	
Institute Row	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64	
Store House	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Walker's Terrace, East Sleekburn				...	...	...	...	...	9	
Ternent's Cottages, East Sleekburn				...	...	...	...	...	2	
Stone Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>1</u>	248

Total number of Private Houses demolished or closed									2207	
Demolished Council Houses, Eastgreen	...	...							50	
Army Huts, Wansbeck Place	...	...	...	...					29	
Army Huts, Hartford Camp	...	...	...	...					357	
									<u>2643</u>	

INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF HOUSES

Number of Inspections	-	123
Statutory Notices Served	-	NIL

WORKS EFFECTED:

Roofs repaired	35
External walls repaired	26
Fallspouts and Eavesgutters renewed	15
Chimney stacks and flues repaired	33
Yard surfaces repaired	4
Staircases repaired	2
Dampness remedied	3
Wallplaster repaired	11
Ceilings renewed	14
Ceilings repaired	4
Doors renewed	10
Doors repaired	3
Floors repaired	2
Fireplaces renewed	9
Fireplaces repaired	6
Dustbins provided	2
Sink waste pipes repaired	1
Windows renewed	9
Windows repaired	17
Water supply pipes repaired	2
Water closet cisterns repaired	4
Water closet basins renewed	2

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were made during the year and none are in force.

HOUSING ACT, 1969

Part III

Rent of dwellings in good repair and provided with standard amenities

Provisional Qualification Certificates

Applications received	19
" granted	19

Final Qualification Certificates

Applications received	3
" granted	3

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In June, 1971, the Minister announced higher discretionary grants of 75% on improvements with 75% on necessary repairs up to a maximum grant for both of £1,500, the increase to operate for two years. This has given the required impetus to house improvement and the applications received rose sharply by the end of the year. The demand created its problems of rising costs and shortage of contractors to do the work. Applications were 150 but many more inspections were made prior to the applicants obtaining estimates.

Discretionary Grants:

Houses considered for grant during the year	150
Number approved	150
Houses improved during the year	84
Total amount of grants paid	£49,491.09
Average grant paid per house	£589.18

Works of Improvement:

New bathrooms provided	61
Internal toilets provided	64
Hot water installed	63
Wash hand basins provided	62
Kitchen sinks provided	61
New kitchens	64
Central Heating	5
Roofs renewed	10
Shop converted to two flats	1

Standard Grants:

Applications	-	approved during the year	3
		brought forward	4
		not granted	1
		outstanding	2
Grants	-	paid during the year	5
		total amount paid	£326.54

Works of Improvement:

Internal W.C.'s provided	4
Baths provided	1
Hot water supplied	1

Houses in which Improvements have been completed
since the commencement of the Scheme

	Discretionary Grants Paid	Standard Grants Paid
1951	2	-
1952	-	-
1953	12	-
1954	17	-
1955	12	-
1956	24	-
1957	33	-
1958	127	-
1959	85	1
1960	130	1
1961	118	6
1962	127	1
1963	91	11
1964	36	26
1965	73	10
1966	23	13
1967	36	14
1968	36	9
1969	36	12
1970	113	5
1971	84	5
TOTAL	1,215	114

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following table shows the number of factories on the register

	<u>Mechanical</u>	<u>Non-Mechanical</u>
Bakeries	2	
Blacksmiths	1	
Boot and Shoe Repairing	3	
Butchering/Pie Making	5	
Butchering/Sausage Manufacturing	8	
Brick Manufacturing	2	
Car and Coach Body Repairing	1	
Canteen Kitchens	13	
Chemicals Manufacturing	1	
Concrete Manufacturing	2	
Concrete - Pre-cast Manufacturing	2	
Earth Moving Equipment	1	
Electrical Components Manufacturing	1	
Electrical Generating	1	
Electrical Repairing	1	
Engineering	3	
Fish and Chips and Cooked Foods	12	
Funeral Furnishings	1	
Gas Holding	-	1
Ice-cream Manufacturing	4	
Joinery	6	
Locomotive Repairing	1	
Mineral Water Manufacturing	2	
Motor Vehicle Repairing	25	
Painting	1	2
Plastics Manufacturing	2	
Plumbing	-	3
Potato Cleaning and Packing	1	
Printing	1	
Scrap Metal Recovery	5	
Slaughtering	2	
Television and Radio Repairing	1	
Textile Manufacturing	3	
Tyre Repairing	2	
Washing Machine Repairing	1	
	<u>122</u>	<u>6</u>

INSPECTION FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH:

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	6	31	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	122	76	3	-
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	128	107	3	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	4	4	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage to floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	5	-	-

There are 24 Outworkers residing in the district, 23 are employed by an Ashington factory making cake decorations etc., and 1 by a glove factory within the district. All these homes are of a satisfactory standard.

SHOPS ACT, 1950/65

The following are the various kinds of shops within the district for the purposes of the Act.

Grocers and General Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	62
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	15
Fish and Chips and Cooked Foods	...	...	...	...	...	12
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	2
Baker's Shops	...	...	...	...	...	7
Public Houses and Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	45
Off Licence Premises	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chemists	...	...	...	...	...	6
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	8
Newsagents and Stationers	...	...	...	...	...	15
Drapers	...	...	...	...	...	13
Wool Shops	...	...	...	...	...	3
Boot and Shoe Retailers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Boot and Shoe Repairers	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hardware	...	...	...	...	...	5
Jewellery and Fancy Goods	...	...	...	...	...	1
Optician	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ladies' Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	...	17
Gent's Hairdressers	...	...	...	...	...	8
Motor Cars and Accessories	...	...	...	...	...	13
Electrical Appliances	...	...	...	...	...	4
Handicraft Stores	...	...	...	...	...	2
Paints and Wallpaper	...	...	...	...	...	2
Departmental Store	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dry Cleaners	...	...	...	...	...	2
Betting Shops	...	...	...	...	...	11
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	2
Post Offices	...	...	...	...	...	6
Florists	...	...	...	...	...	1
Launderamas	...	...	...	...	...	4
Snack Bars	...	...	...	...	...	2
Carpet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	2
Record Bar	...	...	...	...	...	1

FOOD HYGIENE, (MARKET STALLS & DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966.

25 Food traders are operating travelling shops from premises within the shire, 6 general dealers, 5 greengrocers, 1 baker, 8 butchers, 2 fish retailers, and 3 ice-cream dealers. Others operate from premises in adjoining districts. On the spot checks are made to ensure that the provisions of the Regulations are complied with.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of Premises	Premises Registered during the year	Registered Premises at End of year
Offices	-	30
Retail Shops	3	127
Wholesale shops and warehouses	-	1
Catering establishments	-	27
Fuel Storage depots	-	-
TOTALS	3	185

223 Inspections including 22 general inspections were carried out at the various premises during the year. Three accidents were reported and investigated in accordance with Section 48, none of which was fatal. All involved cut hands, one with a knife, one with a bacon machine and one with a case cutter. No complaints were received and no contraventions found.

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	Persons Employed	
Offices	103	
Retail Shops	406	
Wholesale departments, warehouses	9	
Catering establishments open to the public	90	
Fuel storage depots	-	
TOTAL	608	
	160 Males	448 Females

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Preparation Premises and Food Shops:

Bakeries (including pie making)	7
Bakers Shops	7
Butchers	15
Cafes	3
Canteen Kitchens	18
Confectioners	8
Fish and Chips and Cooked Foods	12
Greengrocers	3
Grocers and General Dealers	62
Ice-Cream Manufacturers	4
Mineral Water Factories	2
Public Houses and Clubs	45
Wet Fish Shops	2

All these comply with the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations. One new bakery and shop and the Glaxo factory canteen were completed during the year.

Two cases of foreign matter in food, including one of mould, were reported and both were dealt with satisfactorily without resorting to legal action.

A sample of whole liquid egg sent to the Public Health Laboratory was found to be satisfactory.

Food Examined and Found to be Unfit for Human Consumption:

Meats	65 tins	Cereals	67 pkts.
Fruit	232 "	Tarts	19 "
Tomatoes	254 "	Bacon	84 lbs.
Peas and Beans	251 "	Cooked Ham	96 "
Vegetables	41 "	Chopped Pork	36 "
Soups	101 "	Corned Beef	20 "
Puddings	43 "	Poultry	14 "
Spaghetti	16 "	Butter	3 "
Milk	46 "	Cheese	14 "
Jams and Pickles	26 jars	Frozen Foods	2,210 packs.

Milk Supply:

The licensing of retailers of Untreated, Pasteurised, Sterilised and Ultra Heat Treated Milks and the taking of samples of milk continue to be the responsibility of the County Health Department.

Within the district 5 dealers are retailing Untreated Milk, 18 Pasteurised Milk, 34 Sterilised Milk and 5 Ultra Heat Treated Milk.

Ice-Cream:

Four premises are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of ice-cream, one by the heat treatment method and three by the complete cold mix process.

66 Premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream. All conform to the standards required by the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations with regard to hand washing facilities, etc.

Bacteriological Sampling:

1. Milk				Satisfactory	Failed
	Untreated			-	-
	Pasteurised			16	-
	Sterilised			-	-
				<hr/> 16	<hr/> -
2. Ice-Cream					
	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	
	45	2	2	-	
3. Other Foods					
				No. Taken	Satisfactory
	Whole Liquid Egg			1	1

Meat Inspection:

Two private slaughterhouses operate within the district. Both are fully equipped and maintained in accordance with the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

6 Slaughtermen's licences have been renewed during the year.

Regular inspections are made by Veterinary Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A 100% inspection of all carcasses and offal has again been maintained throughout the year, and all carcasses stamped in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963. No charge is made for meat inspection.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

Number killed and inspected	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Calves	Sheep not Lamb	Pigs not Sows	Sows	Boars
	190	40	4	-	1234	570	34	7
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCOSIS</u>								
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	46	6	2	-	63	261	13	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis	24.21%	15.00%	50.00%	-	4.90%	44.21%	41.17%	42.85%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>								
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	0.35%	-	-
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>								
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MEAT AND ORGANS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

BOVINE ANIMALS:

Lungs	Flukes 2, Pleurisy 13, Pneumonia 4, Stomach Contents 62, Abscess 1.
Livers	Abscesses 9 whole and 8 part, Angiona 1 whole, Cirrhosis 8 whole and 10 part, Inflammation 1 part.
Hearts	Degenerated Cysts 4, Pericarditis 1.
Kidneys	Retention Cysts 2.
Skirts	Abscesses 5, Inflammation 1.
Spleens	Haematoma 1, Congestion 1, Contamination 1.
Udders	Induration 2.
Heads	Fractured Jaw 1.

SHEEP:

Lungs	Pleurisy and Pneumonia 29, Parasites 3, Haematoma 1.
Livers	Abscesses 4 whole, Cirrhosis 1 part, Flukes 2 whole and 5 part, Degenerated Cysts 1 whole, Parasites 3 whole, Inflammation 2 whole, Decomposition 1 whole.
Hearts	C. Ovis 8, Degenerated Cysts 3.

PIGS:

Whole	1 pig 86 lbs. Septicaemia
Carcases	1 sow 169 lbs. Multiple Septic Arthritis
	1 boar 250 lbs. Toxaemia
Lungs	Pleurisy and Pneumonia 215, Stomach Contents 3.
Hearts	Pericarditis 18.
Kidneys	Retention Cysts 10, Nephritis 2.
Livers	Milk Spots 26 whole and 1 part, Cirrhosis 5 whole, Degenerated Cysts 1 whole.
Plucks	Inflammation 7.

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PIGS:

Udders

Induration 1.

Pork

1 leg 24 lbs. Arthritis

3 legs 19 lbs. Abscesses

Heads

Tuberculosis 2.

